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Chair and Members of the
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Maintenance of Vacant Properties

Although the City of London's Property Standards By-law set out standards for the maintenance of vacant properties, including those properties designated by the municipality under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and/or located within a heritage conservation district under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, deterioration of these vacant properties continues to occur. It is important that the municipality does all that it can to protect these important features in the community.

As a result, I am seeking support of the following recommendation:

"That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee on potential options that may be available to make sure vacant properties, including properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act* specifically those with Heritage Easement Agreements in place, are kept in good repair, including information on possible actions that could be taken to ensure compliance with City of London's By-laws, with a focus on public safety and nuisance control and preservation of heritage attributes, including but not limited to: the registration of vacant buildings; escalated fines or administrative penalties; and proactive City initiated demolition."

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arielle Kayabaga', with a long, sweeping underline.

Arielle Kayabaga

Councillor, Ward 13